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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Central Coast Region

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### **Notice of Public Workshop on the Development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Pajaro River, San Benito River, Llagas Creek, and Tequisquita Slough, to Control the Discharge of Fecal Coliform**

#### **Time and Location:**

**Date:** October 15, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Address:** Gilroy City Hall, Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Pete Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

#### **PURPOSE**

Central Coast Water Board staff (Water Board staff) will hold a stakeholder outreach and public workshop to discuss the development of TMDLs and Implementation Plans for the control of discharges of fecal coliform to the waters referenced above. The TMDLs will allocate pollutant loading capacities and establish an implementation plan to control fecal coliform discharges so that the receiving waters attain fecal coliform water quality standards for recreation beneficial uses. The applicable water quality standards for these TMDLs are:

*Fecal coliform concentration, based on a minimum of not less than five samples for any 30-day period, shall not exceed a log mean of 200/100mL, nor shall more than ten percent of total samples during any 30-day period exceed 400/100mL.*

#### **BACKGROUND**

These waters were listed as impaired by fecal coliform on the States' "List of Water Quality Limited Segments" (List) pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) because they exceeded the fecal coliform water quality standard. The Clean Water Act requires the State to develop TMDLs for waters on the list and State law requires development of implementation plans to achieve the TMDLs.

Water Board staff conducted investigations on the nature and causes of impairments, the legal standards that must be met in these waters, and strategies to reduce the amount of fecal coliform discharged to these waters in order to achieve the applicable

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water quality standards. Water Board staff are also considering *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) criteria that has been recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Water Board staff anticipates proposing the TMDLs and implementation plans to the Water Board for adoption in March 2009. The TMDLs or implementation plans may require the installation of pollution control equipment or establish a performance standard or treatment requirement.

A Project Summary will be available on approximately October 9 2008 at the Water Board website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/public\\_notices/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/public_notices/). The Project Summary is also available by request at the office of the Central Coast Water Board; please contact Pete Osmolovsky.

#### PUBLIC WORKSHOP CONDUCT AND SCHEDULE

This meeting and workshop will provide participants with: 1) an explanation and understanding of the TMDL project, 2) a summary of which waterbodies in the watershed are identified as impaired, 3) the sources of impairment; and 4) a summary of the proposed implementation plan and Basin Plan Amendment.

Please note this is an informal workshop for informational purposes only. This is not a formal scoping meeting pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Water Board staff will consider issues raised and comments provided, both on the scope and content of the TMDL project, and proposed implementation plan and Basin Plan Amendment. However, Water Board staff will not be following up with written or formal responses to individual comments received during the meeting.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding the workshop or the TMDL project should be directed to Pete Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699 or [paosmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:paosmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov).

cc: Pajaro River Watershed IPL

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